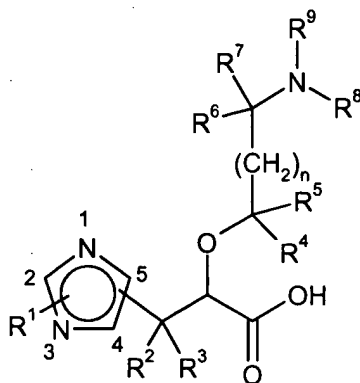


Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original) A compound according to formula (I)



(I)

wherein:

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R^1 is selected from

- an optionally substituted straight chain or branched chain C_{1-6} alkyl group,
- an optionally substituted straight chain or branched chain C_{2-6} alkenyl group,
- an optionally substituted straight chain or branched chain C_{2-6} alkynyl group,
- Aryl,
- Aromatic heterocycle,
- Heterocycle, and
- hydrogen;

where the optional substituents in groups (a), (b) and (c) above are selected from: C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, Aryl, Aromatic heterocycle, Heterocycle, OR^{10} , $NR^{10}R^{11}$, $S(O)_pR^{10}$, $OC(O)R^{11}$, CO_2R^{10} , $CONR^{10}R^{11}$, $SO_2NR^{10}R^{11}$, halo and $NHSO_2R^{10}$, and where p is 0, 1 or 2;

R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^6 , R^7 and R^9 are each independently selected from hydrogen and straight chain or branched chain C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted by OR^{10} or halo;

R⁵ and R⁸ are each independently selected from hydrogen and straight chain or branched chain C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted by OR¹⁰ or halo, or together are a C₂₋₆ alkylene chain;

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are each independently selected from hydrogen and straight chain or branched chain C₁₋₆ alkyl;

Aryl is a 6-14 membered aromatic monocyclic or fused polycyclic carbocyclic group optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from R¹², halo, OR¹³, NR¹³R¹⁴, NR¹³CO₂R¹², CO₂R¹³, NR¹³SO₂R¹², CN, haloalkyl, O(haloalkyl), SR¹³, S(O)R¹², SO₂R¹², OC(O)R¹³, SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴, C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, O(C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl), R¹⁵ and OR¹⁵, where R¹² is straight chain or branched chain C₁₋₆ alkyl, R¹³ and R¹⁴ are each independently selected from hydrogen and straight chain or branched chain C₁₋₆ alkyl, and R¹⁵ is phenyl optionally substituted by R¹², OR¹³, halo or haloalkyl;

Aromatic heterocycle is a 5 to 7 membered aromatic ring containing from 1 to 3 heteroatoms, each independently selected from O, S and N, said ring being optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from OR¹³, NR¹³R¹⁴, CO₂R¹³, NR¹³CO₂R¹², R¹², halo, CN, haloalkyl, O(haloalkyl), SR¹³, S(O)R¹², SO₂R¹², OC(O)R¹³, NR¹³SO₂R¹², SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ and C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴; and

Heterocycle is a 3 to 8 membered ring containing from 1 to 3 heteroatoms, each independently selected from O, S and N, said ring being saturated or partially saturated, said ring further being optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from OR¹³, NR¹³R¹⁴, CO₂R¹³, NR¹³CO₂R¹⁴, R¹², halo, CN, haloalkyl, O(haloalkyl), SR¹³, S(O)R¹², SO₂R¹², OC(O)R¹³, NR¹³SO₂R¹², SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ and C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴,

or a tautomer thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or said tautomer.

Claims 2-30 (Cancelled)